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In early September 2010 I was having a conversation with a work associate and he happened to mention that they had a pig problem on his family farm. I asked him where the farm was and he informed me that it was a half mile west of M-53 on Burnside Rd. Lapeer County. I quizzed him further and he told me that there was an enclosure in the middle of the square mile in front of their farm that contained a large number of wild boars. The owner charged \$600 to shoot one of the pigs. Over time, a number have escaped the enclosure and are breeding.

The numbers have increased to the point people would stop and knock on their door all hours of the night to inform them that their pigs were loose. I was invited to come over and hunt pigs. I was given instructions to shoot everyone I saw. My first trip over, I hunted a ten acre patch of woods adjacent to the enclosure. After 4 hours I saw nothing. I went to the farm house and met Mr. Richard Lutz the property owner. At this time we rode our quad runners over to the enclosure. This is on his north property line. I observed a large number of Russian boar type pigs. While walking along the fence I tripped over the skeletal remains of a large pig. The fence that contained the pigs was a 5 foot page wire fence with an electrical wire on the bottom and top.

I hunted there 3 more times and on the last hunt at about 3 pm, 5 pigs came from the direction of the enclosure all in a single file line. The largest one leading, I put one round through its head, before I could get a shot at any of the others; they disappeared back in the direction they came from. I was sitting about 50 yards south of the fence. The pig weighed about 100 pounds and could be characterized as a European Boar. The firearm deer season was close by this time and I have not been back since. The owner of the farm's son killed a 300 pound plus pig while picking corn that was in the corn field. This happened between my visits. I was given some of the pork. It was very tasty.

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